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In re Application of:)	
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Application No.: 10/594,527)	Group Art Unit: 2627
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Filed: September 28, 2006)	Examiner: Hoa T. Nguyen
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Commissioner for Patents
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
Customer Winder, Mail Stop Amendment
Alexandria, VA 22314

Sir:

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached PTO Form 1449. To the best of the undersigned's knowledge, this Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits for the above-referenced application. Accordingly, Applicants do not believe that a fee is due for filing this paper.

A Chinese First Office Action dated May 16, 2008 (with English-language translation) that issued in a Chinese Patent Application and having documents cited therein is attached for the Examiner's consideration.

While the Chinese First Office Action dated May 16, 2008 additionally cites to Japanese Patent Application No. 2001-110052, this document is not listed on the attached PTO Form 1449

because this document was previously cited in an Information Disclosure Statement in this application on September 28, 2006.

The relevance of the attached foreign language document can be understood at least from the citation of the document in the attached Chinese First Office Action dated May 16, 2008. Also for relevance, Applicants respectfully submit that one of the patent family members of CN 2574170, namely U.S. 2003/0067857, is also listed on the attached PTO Form 1449.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the listed documents and evidence that consideration by making appropriate notation on the attached PTO Form 1449.

This submission does not represent that a search has been made or that no better art exists and does not constitute an admission that any of the listed documents are material or constitutes "prior art." If it should be determined that any of the listed documents do not constitute "prior art" under United States law, Applicants reserve the right to present to the Office the relevant facts and law regarding the appropriate status of such documents.

Applicants further reserve the right to take appropriate action to establish the patentability of the disclosed invention over any of the listed documents, should any of the documents be applied against the claims of the present application.

Except for issue fees payable under 37 C.F.R. § 1.18, the Commissioner is hereby authorized by this paper to charge any additional fees during the entire pendency of this Application, including fees due under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required and

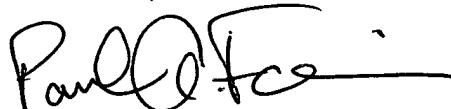
including any required extension of time fees, *or* credit any overpayment to Deposit Account

No. 50-0573. This paragraph is intended to be a **CONSTRUCTIVE PETITION FOR**

EXTENSION OF TIME in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(3).

Respectfully submitted,

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